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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the closing on advancement of LB 148. The question before the body is, should LB 148 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the advancement of LB 148 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 148.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 148 does advance. We will now go to the amended agenda item as stated by Speaker Bromm. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek would move to suspend Rule 3, Section 13 to permit cancellation of a public hearing by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on LB 805.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. This is a situation that has developed in the last day and it involves a bill that was sent to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee by the Appropriations Committee and it involves the Nation...or the Nebraska Equal Opportunities Commission, and it was scheduled for hearing for Friday, the 14th, and it had to do with removing the NEOC from statute. Since that time, The Appropriations Committee has met and has taken a different action on the bill, and I would like to give Senator Wehrbein just a moment, if I could, to explain why we need to suspend the rules and cancel the hearing on this bill. So if you would, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I will formally ask tomorrow for the withdrawal on this bill, but I just wanted to concur with what Senator Schimek said. We have...I guess I will make my case tomorrow but I just want to verify that we will be